Engage Intellectually

Academic Advising at Duke Law
ENGAGE intellectually

- Interact thoughtfully with your professors and classmates both in and out of class
- Dig deeply into a subject matter in collaboration with a professor or other students, through advanced seminars and clinics, independent studies, or a capstone project
- Extend yourself through intellectual activities such as moot court, journals, symposia, and other outside speaker presentations
Duke Law Degrees
JD Degree Requirements

- Credit Requirement (87 credits)
- First-Year Curriculum
- Legal Ethics
- Professional Skills
- Upper-Level Writing
Credit Requirements

- Magic Number for JD
- Dual Degree Students
  - 107 for JD/LLM
  - 75 for other dual degrees
First-Year Curriculum

Civil Procedure (4.5)
Contracts (4.5)
Constitutional Law (4.5)
Criminal Law (4.5)
Property (4.5)
Torts (4.5)
Legal Analysis, Research and Writing (LARW) (4.0)
Foundations of Law (2.0)

33 Credits
LAW 101: Foundations of Law

- Six lectures
  - Professor Powell and Professor Salzman
  - Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m., Gross Hall, Room 107
  - Attendance required

- Three discussions
  - LEAD Fellows
  - Burdman Lounge (3000)

- Check Sakai
Legal Analysis Research and Writing (LARW)

- LARW sections different from small sections
- Assignment timeline
  - Memos in fall semester
  - Appellate brief and Hardt Cup competition in spring
- Full-year course (4 credits)
Upper-level requirements

- Legal ethics
  - Designated classes
  - Prerequisite for Clinics and Externships

- Professional skills
  - Clinics, externships, classes

- Upper-level writing
  - Rule 3-31: “The upper-level writing requirement can be satisfied by the student’s completing an original analytic paper of substantial length (ordinarily at least 30 pages).”
The Extra Mile: Dual Degrees
Curricular Extras

- Independent Study
- Ad Hoc Seminars
- Capstone Projects
  - Duke In DC
- Clinics
- Non-law classes; Classes at UNC or NCCU
- Journals, Moot Court and Student Organizations
- Study Abroad and Summer Institute
## Individual Academic Plan

### Degree Requirements
- Duke Law School Rules and Policies
- Personal and Professional Goals
- Scheduling Constraints (e.g., prerequisites)

### JD/JLM Checklist for Student P. Lammer

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<th>Requirement</th>
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<td>Completion of required first-year JD curriculum: Civ Pro, Con Law, Contract Law, Crim Law, LAWR, Property Law, Tort Law (30 JD units)</td>
<td>All 30 units COMPLETE</td>
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<td>Completion of required first-year LLM curriculum: Comparative Law, International Law, Research Methods in Int'l Foreign/Comparative Law (7 LLM units)</td>
<td>All 7 units COMPLETE</td>
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<td>Attendance at Duke Summer Institute in Transnational Law, and completion of three classes (6 LLM units)</td>
<td>All 6 units COMPLETE</td>
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<td>34 additional JD units, of which 3 may be units in other divisions of Duke University</td>
<td>National Security Law (3 credits) complete</td>
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<td><em>5 additional LLM units, of which 6 may be units in other divisions of Duke University involving international, foreign, or comparative fields of study (such as language classes).</em></td>
<td>Need 4 more credits to complete this requirement. Classes next semester that fulfill it: Securities Regulation (4 credits), Negotiation (5 credits), Climate Change and the Law (counting 1 of 2 credits toward JD).</td>
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<td>At least 64.5 credits in regularly-scheduled law school classes</td>
<td>International Human Rights Law (3 credits)</td>
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<td>Ethics and Professionalism Requirement (2 units)</td>
<td>Comparative Law Governing Lawyers (Summer 2008) + supplemental classes at Duke with Prof. Metzloff (Fall 2008)</td>
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<td>&quot;JD&quot; Upper-Level Writing Requirement (2 units)</td>
<td>National Security Law: all COMPLETE</td>
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<td>Professional Skills Requirement</td>
<td>Poverty Law with clinical component: all COMPLETE</td>
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<td>&quot;JD-JLM&quot; Upper-Level Writing Requirement (4 units)</td>
<td>1 credit for Comparative Law paper is complete</td>
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<td>Foreign Language Competency Requirement</td>
<td>1 credit for Poverty Law paper is complete</td>
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<td>(e.g., prerequisites)</td>
<td>Credits for comparative internship paper</td>
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"Upper-Intermediate Conversation" and "Cross-cultural Perspective on the Francophone World"—count as "advanced" COMPLETE.
Academic Calendar

- Important Dates
  - Fall Break; Thanksgiving Break
  - First-Year classes end (Wednesday, December 4)
  - First-Year exams begin (Monday, December 9)
  - Exam period ends (Friday, December 20)

- Legal Writing assignments, Foundations of Law exam and Midterms
  - Pay attention to faculty and syllabi
Academic Advising Resources: Website, People
Academic Advising: Additional Resources

- LEAD Fellows
- DBA Mentors
- International Studies Office
- Duke Law Library
  - Books (ex., Open Book; Reading Like a Lawyer)
- Student Organizations
Questions?